

Dobree Adams

“The sharing is the most important thing. An artist does what they do in order to share.”

Dobree Adams was born in Greenville, Mississippi, and raised in Lexington, Kentucky. After graduating from Wellesley College, she embarked on a career in the scientific field. She gave up the day-job to raise sheep on a farm near Frankfort and begin a second career as a weaver. Her woven one-of-a-kind rugs and tapestries are made from yarns she spins and dyes. She studied weaving with Astra Strobel at Berea College and Arturo Sandoval at the University of Kentucky and has taken workshops to learn and refine additional skills. She says about her work, “Not everything can be complex. I have chosen to use simple weaving techniques and put the complexity into an impressionistic use of color and into the texture of the yarns.” She started taking photographs to record scenes that inspired her weaving and now exhibits her photographs. Recently, she has been experimenting with the FeltLoom to produce wall pieces. Dobree has had exhibitions of her weavings in Kentucky, New York, and Japan. She has work in public and private collections in Japan, England, France, Guatemala, Puerto Rico, and the United States. She is an exhibiting member of the Kentucky Guild of Artists and Craftsmen in spinning, dyeing, weaving, and color digital photography.